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DR. A. C. TRUE, to the joint meeting of State Home Demonstration Agents of the South and of the North and West, states as follows:

"In holding such meetings we want to remember all the time that we are part of a great cooperative enterprise. Such meetings as this are held under the auspices of both the American Agricultural Colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture. *****

"We have passed through a wonderful year. *****

"It is estimated that our county agricultural agents during the past year came in personal contact with at least half the farmers of the United States. That is, through their visits to the farms, through their meetings and in other ways, they directly reached more than three million farmers and their families. And when we add to that the work that the home demonstration agents did under your leadership in more intimate association with the women living in the country we have another great army of perhaps 1,500,000 women who through your efforts were led to engage more earnestly and actively in this mighty cause. *****

"To that we must add the work that was done partly under your administration and partly in other ways in interesting the boys and girls of our rural regions. At least two million were entolled in the boys' and girls' club activities. *****

"We have all been very busy and have had a very strenuous year."

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COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS ETC.

COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS.

ALABAMA.

The 20th meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers will be held at Birmingham, Alabama, on February 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1919. Headquarters the Tutwiler Hotel.

The Home Demonstration Meeting will be held at Auburn, Ala., on February 18th to March 4th, 1919.

Mr. Wade has tendered an Official farewell and Mr. M. C. Allgood has been appointed as Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries for the state of Alabama.

At the 28th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Fairs and Expositions held at Chicago Ill., Officers appointed:

R. A. Brown of Birmingham, Ala., elected President; E. V. Welborn of Columbus, Ohio, Vicepresident; E. R. Danielson, of Lincoln, Neb., Secretary; Frank D. Fuller, of Memphis, Tenn., Treasurer.

ARKANSAS.

The Negro County Agents' Meeting was held at Pine Bluff, Ark., from January 27th to February 1, 1919.

The Arkansas State Livestock Breeders' Association meets at Little Rock, Ark., on February 24th to 27th, inclusive.

D. C.

The American Bankers' Association will meet in the District Building at Washington, D. C., on February 26th and 27th, 1919.

We will be glad to learn that Dr. Knapp will make an address at this meeting.

The National Board of Farm Organizations will be held at Washington, D. C., on February 11th, 1919.

FLORIDA.

A series of Meetings, known as Housekeepers Schools, will be held in Florida for two weeks from February 10th to 22nd inclusive.

The meetings in the eastern part of the state will be held at Key West, Miami, Titusville, Vero, St. Augustine. In the central and western part of the state at Deland, Orlando and perhaps Tampa.

The Annual Negro Agents' Meeting will be held at Tallahassee, Florida, on February 4th to 8th inclusive.

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There will be another meeting of the Kissimmee Prairie Cattlemen's Association held at Okeechobee on February 8th, 1919.

The prime aim of this organization is to take steps to insure the lifting of the tick quarantine.

From February 10th to 28th arrangements have been made for a series of one-day meetings at different points in Florida. The U. S. Department of Agriculture will be represented by Prof. Leo B. Scott, and Prof. W. W. Yothers.

In both the production and conservation of food the women of Florida are taking an important part.

The Ninth Annual Sub-Tropical Mid-Winter Fair will be held at Orlando Florida, on February 11, 12, 13 & 14, 1919.

This fair promises to be the largest and most successful held in Florida.

The Third Annual South Florida Fair to be held at Tampa, Fla., on February 17th to 23rd promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

February 27th to March 4th inclusive are the dates set for the Dade County Fair. This promises to be the biggest fair in the history of this county.

GEORGIA.

The Home Demonstration Meeting will be held at Athens, Georgia, on February 1st to 10th, 1919.

A Short Course for the Home Demonstration Agents will hold a meeting at Athens, Ga., from January 2nd, to February 15th, 1919.

The Georgia Swine Growers Association will be held at Dublin, Ga., on March 11th to 12th, 1919.

The American Poland Hereford Breeders' Association Sale will be held at Atlanta, Ga., on March 26th, 1919.

ILLINOIS.

The National Shorthorn Congress at Chicago, Ill., February 18, 19, 20, 1919, promises to set as high a standard as last year.

The Illinois Shorthorn Breeders' Show and Sale will be held at Galesburg, Ill., from Feb. 11th to 13th, 1919.

KANSAS.

The Mid-West Thresher Tractor Show to be held at Wichita, Kansas, on February 11th to 15th, 1919.

The Kansas National Livestock Exposition and Horse Show will be held at Wichita, Kansas, on February 24th to March 1st, 1919.

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KENTUCKY.

The County and Home Demonstration Agents' Meeting which was to have been held at Lexington, Ky., from January 28th to February 5th 1919, has been postponed on account of the influenza.

A Short Course will be held at Paducah, Kentucky, from February 17th to 22nd, 1919.

Dr. Knapp will make an address at this Meeting on February 19, 1919.

The Kentucky Purebred Livestock Association will be held at Louisville, Ky., on February 25, 26, 27, 28, 1919.

Mr. James Speed, late editor of the Farm and Family Magazine has been appointed head of the Publicity Department of the College of Agriculture in Kentucky.

LOUISIANA.

The Louisiana State Home Demonstration Meeting will be held at Baton Rouge on February 3rd and continue through the week to February 8th, 1919.

Two Home Demonstration District Meetings will be held in Louisiana beginning on April 28th. The first meeting will be held at Lafayette, La., on April 28th to May 3rd, and the second at Shreveport, La., on May 5th to 10th, 1919.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Southern Cattlemen's Association will be held in the city of New Orleans, La., on February 11th to 14th 1919. R. M. Gow, Secretary.

The second term of the Annual Short Course session will begin on December 30th and will end on March 22, 1919. The third term will begin on March 24th and end on June 14th, 1919.

Mr. W.C. Abbott has been appointed district agent for Northwest Louisiana, with headquarters at the Louisiana State University.

For the benefit of the Louisiana Farmers a list of persons having good seed corn for sale has been compiled by the Louisiana Corn Growers' Association of which A. Y. Kidder is Secretary.

The dairymen will meet at Kentwood, Louisiana on February 8th, to organize a Bull Association. Joel G. Winkler of the U. S. Dep't. of Agriculture will address the meeting.

MARYLAND.

The Home Demonstration Meeting will be held at College Park, Md., on March 3rd to 8th, 1919.

The Maryland Special Winter Short Course began on January 6th and closes on March 15th, 1919.

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At the meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations at their 32nd Annual Convention the name of the organization was changed to the "Association of Land Grant Colleges."

The Farmers' Institute which was planned to have been held at Leonardtown, Maryland on February 1st, 1919, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the influenza. A hope is expressed that it may be held about March 1st, 1919.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Annual Home Demonstration Meeting at the Agricultural College will be held on February 17th to March 4th, 1919.

The Mississippi Farmers' Short Course in Agriculture is being held from January 20th to March 1st, 1919. Practical courses in Soils, Grains, Forage Crops, Livestock Judging, Dairy Husbandry, Insects injurious to farm crops and home orchard and garden, Farm Manures, Gas Engines, Farm Management and Cooperative Marketing are being given.

Tuition is free to all Miss. farmers. Board and lodging will be furnished at rate of \$1.00 per day for those remaining less than four weeks, and 75 cents per day for those who attend the entire course or remain longer than four weeks. For further instruction address Dr. J. C. Robert, Director of School of Agriculture, Agricultural College, Mississippi.

The Mississippi Hereford Breeders' Association will be held at Jackson, Miss., on April 17, 1919.

MISSOURI.

The St. Louis National Society for Vocational Education will be held at St. Louis, Mo., on February 20th to 22nd, 1919.

The Fourth Annual National Tractor Show to be held in Kansas City during the week of February 24th to March 1st, 1919 will be the greatest ever held in America.

NEBRASKA.

Four Short Courses, each four weeks long, will be given by the University of Nebraska beginning January 27th, 1919. Subject, Dairying, especially valuable to boys doing farming of a more specialized character.

A Short Course of practical instruction on automobiles and tractors held at the University of Nebraska has just been brought to a close.

NEW YORK.

Farmers' Week at the New York State College of Agriculture to be held from February 10th to 15th and will be devoted mostly to post-war problems in

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agricultural production and thrift campaigns. The first session of this conference will be to aid women on the problems of shelter, food and clothing.

A tractor school for more experienced persons will be held at Cornell University from February 17th to March 8th, 1919.

This year the Annual Meeting of the New York State Vegetable Growers' Association is to be held in Albany, N. Y., the vegetable growing section of the state. Before this it has been held at the New York State College during the Farmers' Week.

NORTH CARODINA.

The Conferences of the North Carolina Men and Women County Agents will be held at the County Court House of Durham, N. C. on Feb. 11th, 12th and 13th, 1919. Headquarters at the Melbourne Hotel.

Dr. Bradford Knapp has been requested to speak on "The World Food Situation" at this joint Conference at Durham, North Carolina.

Information is being collected for the publication of a directory of North Carolina Breeders of pure bred livestock. This is under the direction of Mr. Charles Jones of the Division of Markets and will give accurate and up to date list of the farmers of the state engaged in breeding blooded livestock.

The North Carolina Farmers' Short Course at West Raleigh began on January 2nd and continues for eight weeks.

No Dairy School will be held at West Raleigh, N. C. this year on account of the influenza.

The Peanut growers of North Carolina and Virginia had a third meeting of this season recently at Suffolk, Va., and the North Carolina Division of Markets plans holding meetings in the near future at weldon, Ahoskie and Plymouth, North Carolina.

North Carolina has just voted a six months public school term. It means ten instead of seven million dollars a year for public school support.

OHIO

Ohio will give Agricultural reconstruction problems careful consideration in a special eight weeks' course at the Ohio College of Agriculture, beginning January 6th and ending February 28th, 1919. Subjects - Livestock Management, Soil fertility, Farm Crops, Dairying, Fruit growing, Gardening, Poultry raising, Farm Management and Machinery. F. G. Watson, Secretary of the College of Agriculture will supply complete information.

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The Ohio Grange offers a reward of badges as prizes to the person who is active in getting new members. The person who secures four new members is presented with a badge.

OKLAHOMA.

I desire to call to the attention of the feeders and farmers in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona the fact that a new order has been issued by the Railroad Administration, whereby, they can get a rebate, to March 1st, 1919, of 50 per cent of the freight on practically all kinds of feed that they are compelled to ship into their territory. The feeders and farmers of Kansas have also taken steps to get the same reduction.

PENNSYLVANIA

There is an announcement that Professor Fred Rasmussen will be the next Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Pennsylvania.

TENNESSEE

The Home Demonstration Meeting to be held at Knoxville, Tennessee, has been postponed until March 1st, 1919.

The Agents meeting has been postponed also.

A six weeks' Short Course is being held at the University of Tennessee from January 6th to February 15th, 1919.

The Bledsoe County Purebred Livestock Association has arranged to have the livestock specialists of the division of Extension of the University and the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the county during the first week in February, for the purpose of assisting in a campaign to encourage the use of purebred sires. Meetings will be held in every community in the county, and one or more of these livestock men will be present to discuss the advantages of purebred sires in livestock farming. Among the list of speakers will be Mr. R. M. Murphy, Mr. Carl G. Filler, Mr. R. P. Hite and Mr. Roy Priest.

A sale of Tennessee Jacks will be held at Lewisburg, Tenn., on February 28th, when the Marshall County Jack and Jennet Breeders Association will hold its seventh Annual Auction.

TEXAS

Texas Feeders and Farmers will be glad to find themselves included in the new order extending to March 1st, 1919, of the Railroad Administration, whereby, they can get a rebate of 50 per cent of the freight on practically all kinds of feed they are compelled to ship into their state.

The next annual meeting of the Cattle Men's Association will be held at Dallas, Texas, on March 18th, 19th & 20th, 1919.

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The Department of Agriculture and Engineering of the A. & M. College of Texas is giving an eight weeks course in farm tractors and Auto-mechanics. The first course opened on Jan. 3, 1919 and other terms open on March 3rd and 4th; April 28th and 29th; June 23rd and 24th; and September 17th and 18th. A student must be at least 18 years old.

VIRGINIA.

After consultation with a number of parties, the officers of the Virginia State Farmers' Institute have decided to indefinitely postpone the meeting which was to have been held at Richmond, Va., on February 4th, 5th, & 6th inclusive.

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., will hold a Farmers' Short Course from February 4th to 28th, 1919.

The Va. Polytechnic Institute will hold a tractor school for farmers at Roanoke, Va., beginning February 10th to 15th, inclusive. Write to Ex. Division, Blacksburg for full information.

On account of influenza the Extension Division has decided to postpone the movable schools of Va.

WEST VIRGINIA

Dr. C. H. Winkler of the State College has been appointed federal state Director of the United States Boys' Working Reserve for West Virginia.

The resignation of the Hon. Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, will be learned with regret.

The Department of Agriculture will send three livestock experts to Europe to gather information concerning the future demand for American animals and livestock products in the European countries.

The men selected are C. W. Larson, G. Arthur Bell and T. R. H. Wright. The Agricultural Reconstruction Committee of the National Board of Farm Organization plans to send a commission of ten to Europe.

